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FM AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

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AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEGUCIGALPA 4583

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PBOR, PFOR, HO, ES, PN

SUBJECT: MIN FINANCE ACOSTA VISITS TORRIJOS

1. MIN FINANCE ACOSTA BONILLA RETURNED DEC 5 FROM VISIT TO PANAMA IN WHICH HE PRESENTED HONDURAN SIDE OF CURRENT SALVADORAN/HONDURAN TALKS. HE TOLD DCM THAT HE WAS CORDIALLY RECEIVED BY TORRIJOS, SPENDING MANY HOURS WITH HIM.

2. ON BILATERAL PROBLEM WITH SALVADOR, TORRIJOS WAS "PIOUSLY" NEUTRAL, ASSERTED HIS CONVICTION THAT BOTH COUNTRIES WERE ACTING IN GOOD FAITH, AND URGED THAT DIALOGUE BE CONTINUED. IN LATER DISCUSSION OF DEVELOPMENTAL PHILOSOPHY, HOWEVER, TORRIJOS WAS REPORTEDLY CRITICAL OF GOES INATTENTION TO COUNTRY'S PRESSING SOCIAL PROBLEMS. ACOSTA SAID HIS VISIT WAS INTENDED AS FOLLOWUP TO BRIEFING TRIP OF SEVERAL SALVADORANS LAST WEEK. GOH WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN CLOSER CONTACTS  
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WITH TORRIJOS, AS HE IS MORE SYMPATHETIC TO ITS INTERNAL

POLICIES THAN THE ULTRACONSERVATIVE PRESIDENTS OF THREE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

3. ACOSTA FOUND TORRIJOS RELAXED AND PLEASED WITH CURRENT TALKS WITH USG ON CANAL ISSUE. HE PROFESSED OPTIMISM ABOUT PROSPECTS OF SETTLEMENT AND WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO ELABORATE VIRTUES OF SERIOUS DIALOGUE AS ALTERNATIVE TO CONFRONTATIONS WHICH COULD LEAD TO VIOLENCE. ACOSTA SAID THAT TORRIJOS RECEIVED DELEGATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN AND GAVE THEM ENTHUSIASTIC BRIEFING ALONG SAME LINE.

4. ACOSTA HAD MET TORRIJOS BEFORE, BUT THIS WAS HIS FIRST EXTENDED CONVERSATION WITH HIM. HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH HIS EASY CONTACTS WITH THE STUDENT GROUP (PERHAPS SUBCONSCIOUSLY COMPARING THIS WITH GEN LOGEZ' TENDENCY TO LIMIT AND CONTROL HIS OWN ACCESSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC). SANCHEZ

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